

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. Prior to entry of this response, Claims 1, 5-7, 9-13, and 15-20 were pending in the application, of which Claims 1, 10, and 16 are independent. In the Final Office Action dated May 23, 2005, Claims 1, 5-7, 9-13, and 15-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Following this response, Claims 1, 5-7, 9-13, and 15-20 remain in this application. Applicant hereby addresses the Examiner's rejections in turn.

Applicant thanks Examiners Le and Matar for the courtesy of a telephone interview on August 18, 2005, requested by the undersigned to discuss the rejection of the current claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103. During the interview, Applicant asserted that *Narey* at least does not disclose wherein each decimal digit in the location information is represented by a nibble. For example, Applicant asserted that the binary PROM code in Table 2 does not disclose a nibble. The Examiner stated that nibbles are in the prior art. In response, Applicant asserted that nonetheless, each decimal digit in a location information being represented by a nibble is not in the cited prior art. Applicant further submitted that the cited prior art does not disclose the location information comprising a zip code or planar coordinates. No agreement was made regarding patentability of the claims rejected, however, the Examiner stated that the proposed amendments may require further searching and consideration.

I. Rejection of the Claims Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

In the Final Office Action dated May 23, 2005, the Examiner rejected Claims 1, 5-7, 9-13, and 15-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,415,019 ("Savaglio") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,480,592 ("Urban") and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,021,780 ("Narey"). Claims 1, 10, and 16 have been amended to further define and clarify the invention, and Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments overcome this rejection and add no new matter.

Amended Claim 1 is patentably distinguishable over the cited art for at least the reason that it recites, for example, "wherein the location information is encoded in binary coded decimal format wherein each decimal digit in the location information is represented by a nibble." In addition, amended Claim 10 is patentably distinguishable over the cited art for at least the reason that it recites, for example, "wherein the location information comprises one of a zip code and planar coordinates encoded in a binary coded decimal format wherein each decimal number of the location information is represented by a nibble." Further, amended Claim 16 is patentably distinguishable over the cited art for at least the reason that it recites, for example, "a database containing location information indexed by identifiers of calling devices, the location information being encoded in a binary coded decimal format wherein each decimal digit in the location information is represented by a nibble."

In contrast, *Savaglio* at least does not disclose wherein each decimal digit in the location information is represented by a nibble. For example, *Savaglio* merely discloses a method of providing 911 service to a private branch exchange. Moreover, *Urban* does not overcome *Savaglio*'s deficiencies. *Urban* merely discloses a method and system for

providing the name of the state of a calling party. Like *Savaglio*, *Urban* at least does not disclose wherein each decimal digit in the location information is represented by a nibble.

Furthermore, *Narey* does not overcome *Savaglio*'s and *Urban*'s deficiencies. *Narey* merely discloses that digits are encoded in binary coded decimal. (See col. 9, lines 34-35.) Like *Savaglio* and *Urban*, *Narey* at least does not disclose wherein each decimal digit in the location information is represented by a nibble. For example, *Narey* discloses that a first (left) digit of an octal PROM is coded as one (left most) digit of a binary PROM code and a second (right) digit of the octal PROM is coded as the three (right most) digits of the binary PROM code. As shown in Table 2, one of the octal PROM codes comprises "12". This particular octal PROM code maps to "1010" in the binary PROM code. Specifically, the left most "1" in the octal PROM code "12" maps to the left most "1" in the binary PROM code "1010." Further, the right most "2" in the octal PROM code "12" maps to the right most "010" in the binary PROM code "1010." While the right most "010" in the binary PROM code is a binary coded decimal of the right most "2" in the octal PROM code "12," "010" is not a nibble at least because it only contains 3 bits. Likewise, the left most "1" in the binary PROM code "1010" is not a nibble at least because it only contains 1 bit.

Moreover, none of the cited references disclose that the location information is a zip code, as recited in Claims 5, 10, and 19. Furthermore, none of the cited references disclose that the location information is planar coordinates, as recited in Claims 6, 10, and 19. For example, *Savaglio* merely disclose that "location information is transmitted to the operator." (See col. 3, lines 29-30.) *Savaglio* does not disclose that the location

information is a zip code or planar coordinates. Furthermore, neither *Urban* nor *Narey* overcome *Savaglio*'s deficiency.

Combining *Savaglio* with *Urban* and *Narey* would not have led to the claimed invention because *Savaglio*, *Urban*, and *Narey*, either individually or in combination, at least do not disclose, "wherein the location information is encoded in binary coded decimal format wherein each decimal digit in the location information is represented by a nibble," as recited by amended Claim 1, "wherein the location information comprises one of a zip code and planar coordinates encoded in a binary coded decimal format wherein each decimal number of the location information is represented by a nibble," as recited by amended Claim 10, or "a database containing location information indexed by identifiers of calling devices, the location information being encoded in a binary coded decimal format wherein each decimal digit in the location information is represented by a nibble", as recited by amended Claim 16. Accordingly, independent Claims 1, 10, and 16 each patentably distinguish the present invention over the cited art, and Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection of Claims 1, 10, and 16.

Dependent Claims 5-7, 9, 11-13, 15, and 17-20 are also allowable at least for the reasons described above regarding independent Claims 1, 10, and 16, and by virtue of their respective dependencies upon independent Claims 1, 10, and 16. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection of dependent Claims 5-7, 9, 11-13, 15, and 17-20.

II. Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests that this Amendment After Final be entered by the Examiner, placing the claims in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully submits that the proposed amendments of the claims do not raise new issues or necessitate the undertaking of any additional search of the art by the Examiner, since all of the elements and their relationships claimed were either earlier claimed or inherent in the claims as examined. Therefore, this Amendment should allow for immediate action by the Examiner.

Finally, Applicant respectfully submits that the entry of the Amendment would place the application in better form for appeal, should the Examiner dispute the patentability of the pending claims.

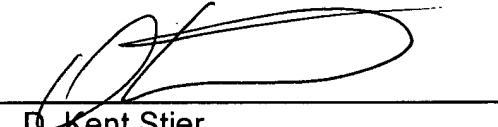
In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submit that the claimed invention, as amended, is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious in view of the prior art references cited against this application. Applicant therefore requests the entry of this Amendment, the Examiner's reconsideration and reexamination of the application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims, as amended, are patentable over the cited references. The preceding arguments are based only on the arguments in the Official Action, and therefore do not address patentable aspects of the invention that were not addressed by the Examiner in the Official Action. The claims may include other elements that are not shown, taught, or suggested by the cited art. Accordingly, the preceding argument in favor of patentability is advanced without prejudice to other bases of patentability. Furthermore, the Final

Office Action contains a number of statements reflecting characterizations of the related art and the claims. Regardless of whether any such statement is identified herein, Applicant declines to automatically subscribe to any statement or characterization in the Final Office Action.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this amendment and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

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